

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service
Conference Call Minutes
June 9, 2004

Minutes Approved at July 13, 2004 Meeting

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service held a conference call meeting on June 9, 2004. Chairman H. E. Shelton called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

A quorum was established with the following board members participating. James Neal, Board Member, Jim Davis, Cognizant Member, Michael Fowler, Vice-Chair and H. E. Shelton Chairman.

Others present were: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Robert Renjel, Board Attorney, Jo Ann Lyde, Board Secretary and Mr. Draper Watson, newly appointed Board Member, who did not take part in the deliberations or votes.

Mr. Neal moved to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2004 Board meeting. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved to adopt the Agenda of Today's June 9, 2004 conference call. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mr. Neal moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on Attorney General's Report, applications, investigations, and complaints. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried by Mr. Davis, and Mr. Shelton.

Applications:

The change for Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge for Hicks Funeral Home was tabled until next month, due to the fact that Mr. Davis recused himself from voting, and once this occurred, there was not a quorum for this vote.

Mr. Neal moved to approve Sherri Ann Whitlock as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Whitlock Mortuary, Inc. in Toccoa, Georgia. Mr. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fowler moved to approve Alan Kelly as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Williamson Mortuary, LLC and Riverdale Crematory in Riverdale, Georgia. Mr. Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved to approve Earnest Eugene Poynter as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Eternal Hills Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Snellville, GA. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fowler moved to approve Smart and Son Funeral Home, 102 Owens Industrial Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31405 as a new funeral establishment and Eddie Thomas Hosley as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge. Mr. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve Duncan Smith as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Poteet Funeral Home in Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal made a motion to approve Elizabeth Jones Sisson's Apprentice application. Mr. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal made a motion to approve Hollis Harrison as the Funeral Director in Full and Continuous Charge of Lord and Stephens Funeral Home in Crawford, Georgia. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved to reinstate Lord and Stephens Funeral Home with a consent order to lift the suspension of the funeral establishment. Mr. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Complaints:

FUN040072

Mr. Neal moved to send this case to investigations with the assistance of the inspector. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN040076

Mr. Neal moved to send this case to investigations with the assistance of the inspector. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN040077

Mr. Neal moved to send this case to inspections. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN040075

Mr. Neal moved to send this case to investigations with the assistance of the inspector. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN040070

Mr. Neal moved to send this case to inspections. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN040071

Mr. Neal moved to send this case to inspections. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Inspections:

FUN040068

Mr. Davis moved to close this case. Mr. Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUN040056

Mr. Davis moved to recommend to the funeral home to cease allowing burial society meetings in the funeral home, and close case. Mr. Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

Mr. Davis moved to accept the status report from the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

At this point in the conference call, Mr. Neal had to be excused and the Board lost the quorum. All other issues, applications, continuing education and other business, will be taken up at the next Board meeting, which is scheduled for July 13, 2004. Conference call was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.